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**FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

U.S. Patent No. 5,498,051. This document is discussed on page one of the present application.

U.S. Patent No. 5,765,894.

European Patent Publication No. 0 500 412. A copy of corresponding Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-107050 is also enclosed. An English-language abstract of this document is attached.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents are not enclosed since it is no

longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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